

Assad, Fahd exchange messages

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad Tuesday received a message from Saudi King Fahd on the situation in the Middle East, particularly Lebanon, and sent back a message in reply, the Syrian News Agency reported. It said the deputy commander of the Saudi National Guard, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Tuweiq, delivered the message from the king and took Mr. Assad's response. There have been press reports in Lebanon recently that King Fahd is trying to mediate between Damascus and Beirut over the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon. Some reports said the king hoped to arrange a meeting between Mr. Assad and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

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King congratulates Saleh, Numeiri and Bignone

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday sent cables of congratulations to North Yemen, Sudan and Argentina. In his cable to North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, the King congratulated him on his re-election as president and wished the North Yemeni people progress and prosperity. In his cable to President Jaafer Numeiri of Sudan, the King conveyed his greetings to that country on the occasion of the anniversary of the May 25 revolution. The cable sent to Buenos Aires, to President Reynold Bignone, conveyed Jordan's congratulations to Argentina on its National Day.

Refugee leaders call for meeting with Hallqvist

AMMAN (J.T.) — Palestine refugee representatives in Jordan have asked the director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), Per Olof Hallqvist, to meet with them to discuss the new individual registration card, which UNRWA is going to issue on request of the United Nations General Assembly, a spokesman for UNRWA said here Tuesday. The director replied that, if the refugees so desire, he would be prepared to meet with their representatives at a time when he had been able to discuss their reasons to reject the cards with the commissioner general of UNRWA in Vienna. Mr. Hallqvist is due to leave for Vienna within the next few days and is now waiting for refugee representatives to hand over to him a memorandum stating the reasons for the rejection.

Aden rejects Lebanon pact

ADEN (R) — South Yemen has rejected the Lebanon-Israel troop withdrawal agreement which it said contradicted the Arab League Charter. The official Aden News Agency said. It said the rejection was conveyed to Lebanese Finance Minister Adel Hamiyyeh who was here Tuesday as part of a tour of several Arab capitals to explain the Lebanese stand.

Israeli doctors agree to end strike partially

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's striking doctors Tuesday agreed to a partial return to work, pulling back from an all-out pay battle that has almost paralysed medical services. After resigning and deserting their hospital posts, the 7,000 doctors came out of hiding when the government broadcast back-to-work orders over state radio.

Syrian envoy in Rabat

RABAT (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad sent a message to King Hassan of Morocco Tuesday about the situation in the Middle East and the consequences of the Lebanon-Israel troop withdrawal accord. The message was delivered to the king by Syrian envoy Farouk Al Share, the Moroccan news agency MAP reported.

Iraqis sink 'naval target'

BAHRAIN (R) — Iraq said its navy and air force had destroyed what a military communiqué described as "an enemy naval target" at the northern tip of the Gulf in its war with Iran Tuesday.

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Iraq assails U.S. on F-16s for Israel

BAGHDAD (R) — President Reagan's decision to release 75 F-16 fighter-bombers for Israel was confirmation of U.S. animosity towards the Arabs. Iraq's ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra said Tuesday: "The American decision, taken while Israeli troops still remain in Lebanon, reaffirms the United States' animosity towards the Arabs and uncovers the ugly American face that all make-ups failed to beautify," the daily said in a commentary. It added: "Under pretext of secured borders for Israel, the U.S. tries to impose the Zionist status quo and to erase the Arab existence in Palestine and the occupied Arab territories." Delivery of the planes had been held up until Israel withdrew from Lebanon, but Mr. Reagan asked the U.S. Congress to lift the embargo after Israel and Lebanon signed a troop withdrawal agreement last week.

New wave of shelling hits Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Shelling broke out Tuesday night in the hills behind Beirut and residents said it was the heaviest bombardment since rival Lebanese factions agreed to an unwritten truce two weeks ago.

State-run Beirut Radio said rockets and shells began landing on towns in the Aley region at around 6 p.m. (1600 GMT).

The right-wing Falangist radio said the bombardment was coming from positions to the north, held by leftist Druze militiamen.

Residents of the hillside Beirut suburb of Yarzeh told Reuters by telephone they could hear steady shelling and it appeared to be originating from an area not far away.

Yarzeh is much closer to Beirut than the region mentioned by the Falangist radio as the source of the bombardment.

While the state-run Beirut Radio confirmed the shelling and said the Aley region was being hit, the right-wing Falangist radio gave a more detailed report.

It said rockets and shells fired from the upper Metn region on the hills east of Beirut had landed in Aley, Rashaya and Shatroun, a few kilometres to the south. At least three people were wounded, it said.

There have been small arms exchanges, occasional rounds of artillery, and a series of kidnappings and murders recently in the hills and the Shouf mountains beyond. But Tuesday's bombardment appeared to be the worst for more than two weeks. Mountain shelling, between

rightist and leftist Druze militiamen, was heavy and regular earlier this month as Lebanon's efforts to conclude a truce withdrawal agreement with Israel reached a climax.

Earlier Tuesday, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel appeared to be seeking deployment of international peace-keeping forces in the mountains.

The president called in envoys of the United States, France, Italy and Britain, the four nations contributing to the multinational force now patrolling Beirut danger spots.

For some time government leaders have been talking about bringing the multinational force into the Shouf mountains. Their presence would become even more vital if the Israelis, who now provide a limited buffer between the two communities, should decide to withdraw.

About 140 people were kidnapped over the weekend when Druze and rightist militiamen went on the rampage against each other's supporters. At least 23 of the victims were killed.

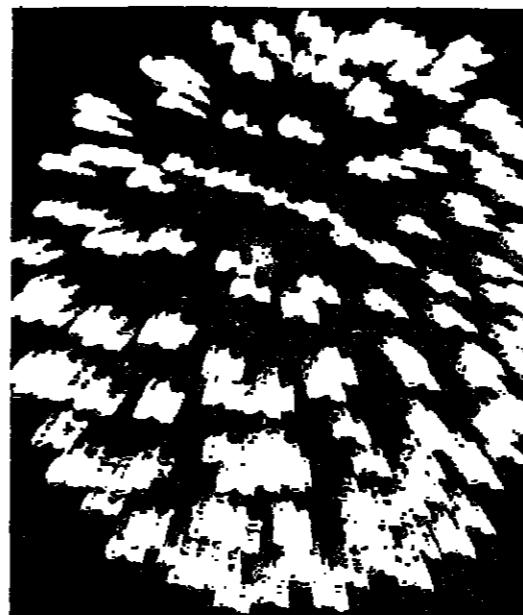
By Tuesday all but 30 or 40 of the prisoners had been released, according to security sources.

Among those freed was the Maronite Christian archbishop of Tyre, Josef Al Khoury, who spent about five hours in captivity Monday.

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The Jordanian armed forces Tuesday night carried out a brilliant display of fireworks in several different parts of Amman to signal Independence and Army Day.



Army Day celebrations on Wednesday. (Photo by Yousef Al-Allan)

Jordan celebrates Independence, Army Day anniversary today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Wednesday celebrates two cherished occasions—the anniversary of Independence Day and Army Day. On May 25, 1946, Jordan declared its independence, thereby rejecting foreign domination of its soil.

This year's celebrations are unique in the fact that Wednesday also marks the occasion of the inauguration of the new Queen Alia International Airport, one of the biggest projects ever implemented in Jordan.

The heads of Arab League agencies in Baghdad also congratulated King Hussein and the Jordanian Armed Forces and people.

Lebanese Chamber of Deputies member Kazem Al Khalil said on the occasion that Jordan's strength is "a strength for the whole Arab Nation and that King Hussein is truly the leader of the Arab Nation at the contemporary age in view of his unique gifts and qualities which are rare to find in any other Arab leader."

Lebanese Press Association President Mohammad Al Balabki said on the occasion that Jordan under the leadership of King Hussein is "shouldering the burdens of pan-Arab struggle and is standing on the longest line of confrontation with Israel to repulse its greedy expansionist and settlement ambitions."

On the occasion, the Ministry of Communications has issued a commemorative stamp on the inauguration of the Queen Alia International Airport and the Independence and Army Day.

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Ramadan, first deputy premier and member of the Revolutionary Command Council arrived in Amman Tuesday. Mr. Ramadan in a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, praised Jordan's stand in support of Iraq in its war with Iran, and added that "in the Independence and Army Day are two cherished occasions for every Iraqi citizens."

Heads of Arab League agencies in Baghdad also congratulated King Hussein and the Jordanian Armed Forces and people.

In his message, Mr. Singh wished the people of Jordan "continued prosperity" and expressed hope that "the bonds of friendship and cooperation" between Jordan and India "will be strengthened in the coming years." Following is the full text of the message:

"On the happy occasion of the Independence Day of Jordan, I extend my felicitations and good wishes for the continued prosperity of the friendly people of Jordan and for Your Majesty's health and well-being. I hope that the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries will be further strengthened in the coming years."

The Public Transport Corporation has announced the introduction of 20 regular buses to ply between the airport and Amman to facilitate the easy flow of passengers and others.

The King is scheduled to inaugurate the airport Wednesday afternoon and before proceeding there he will take part in celebrations to be held in connection with the Army Day.

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Israel draws up plans for new 'defence line'

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel is drawing up contingency plans for a unilateral withdrawal of its forces to a new "defence line" in southern Lebanon, Israeli officials said Tuesday.

The officials quoted Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir as telling Israeli reporters Monday the plan would be put into effect if it became clear that Syria would not withdraw its forces from Lebanon.

Israel and Lebanon signed an agreement last week providing for a withdrawal of Israeli invasion forces within 12 weeks. But Israel made it clear that it would not be bound by the accord unless Syrian and Palestinian forces also left Lebanon.

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Mubarak attends Numeiri's swearing-in

KHARTOUM (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, in Sudan for a show of solidarity with the leader of Egypt's southern neighbour, Tuesday saw President Jaafer Numeiri sworn in for a third six-year term as president of Africa's largest country.

Mr. Numeiri emerged from a referendum on his presidency last month with more than 90 percent of the vote.

Mr. Mubarak, who signed with Mr. Numeiri an integration pact last year, praised the Sudanese leader Tuesday as courageous and a man who brought unity to his country.

He also praised Mr. Numeiri, who survived several left and right-wing coup attempts, for what he said was the settlement of the issue of the south.

The mainly African south, a vast and undeveloped area, has fought the predominantly Muslim north for 17 years and has enjoyed autonomous rule since 1972 following an agreement signed in Addis Ababa.

French officials have declined comment on the subject.

Pretoria says 64 killed in Maputo raid

PRETORIA (R) — The South African Defence Force said Tuesday latest confirmed intelligence reports showed 64 people died in Monday's air strike on the Mozambique capital of Maputo, but it was not yet possible to say how many of them were civilians.

A communiqué said 41 of those killed in the attack by South African Air Force Impala jets were guerrillas of the African National Congress (ANC). 17 were Mozambique soldiers and six others were civilians.

Mozambique has announced that six people died and 30 were injured in the raid, which South Africa mounted in retaliation for last Friday's car bomb attack in

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measures. Furthermore, bearers of temporary Jordanian passports would be banned from leaving the occupied territories except through the said two bridges."

The statement also said

...West Bank and Gaza Strip residents would not be allowed to leave for the East Bank if the permit they are carrying from the occupying authorities includes a condition banning them from returning to the West Bank and Gaza Strip before the expiry of their permits."

The statement explained that the aim of the new measures is "to ensure the steadfastness of the kinsmen in the occupied territories and to cope with the designs of the occupation authorities of escalating the settlement policy in the occupied territories."

The statement also said

Mozambique Information Minister Jose Luis Cabaco denied any of the targets hit were guerrilla bases or missile sites as stated by Pretoria.

The South African comments came after Western journalists reported from Maputo little evidence of damage to property and that three bodies were apparently those of local factory workers.

Mozambique reopened its air space Monday afternoon but South African airways said Tuesday it had postponed commercial flights to Maputo until further notice.

The skirmishes broke out during a demonstration by 15,000 students hostile to the reforms drawn up by Education Minister Alain Savary.

Two other demonstrations against the government's plans, due to become law in November, ended peacefully.

Previous demonstrations in the month-old dispute, during which students in many French universities have been on strike, also turned violent.

France settles debt terms with Iraq

PARIS (R) — France has agreed with Iraq, its biggest arms client, on ways of repaying outstanding Iraqi debts, estimated at around \$1.8 billion, the French government indicated Tuesday.

A spokesman for the External Relations Ministry said talks between Iraqi Deputy Premier Tareq Aziz and French officials over the past few days had "settled in a satisfactory manner the financial questions pending between the two countries."

According to European and Middle Eastern diplomats, Iraq is pressing France for Super-Etendard combat aircraft equipped with Exocet missiles, a combination which proved deadly against British ships in last year's

war.

Neither French nor Iraqi officials would give details of the accord, which follows months of talks

and which is expected to clear the way for new Iraqi arms purchases from France.

Earlier this month, Mr. Aziz said Iraq had offered Paris from 2.5 to 3.5 million tonnes of crude oil to settle about 90 per cent of its debt this year. There was no indication if this had been taken up.

According to widespread diplomatic reports, Saudi Arabia is involved in the deal to pay off Iraq's French debts. This could take the form of Saudi Arabia supplying France with oil in return for payment to Iraq, the reports say.

French officials have declined comment on the subject.

onstrators wore crash helmets and leather jackets, the uniform of extreme right-wing youths who have been accused of exploiting student unrest to provoke police.

HOME NEWS

Amman police solve spate of burglaries

AMMAN (Petra) — Police have arrested a number of burglars responsible for breaking into several houses in Amman over the last few days.

The thieves, who stole mainly jewelry, watches and pens, confessed to the burglaries, and the stolen items were returned to their owners. The value of the stolen goods totalled some JD 20,000 and involved 17 houses, a spokesman for the Amman police department said.

The spokesman went on to say that several burglaries have been reported in the last few months by owners of homes and commercial stores, and the Amman police have responded with intensive efforts to catch the thieves.

Mahmoud Qawasmeh, a resident of Marka, told the Jordanian News Agency Petra that he and his family left their Marka home to spend few days in their rural home in Na'ur. When he returned, he found that the doors of his house had been forced, and his home ransacked.

He said that the value of the stolen items, primarily jewelry, totalled JD 1,000.

A similar theft was reported by Mohammad Adnan Nouayli also of Marka. Hayfa' Abu Qurah of Jabal Amman and Dina Anz of Jabal Luweibeh. The stolen items were all returned to their owners, who thanked the Amman police for the enormous efforts they made in solving the thefts, Petra said.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan looks on as members of the Prince Rashid battalion make a presentation to mark the fourth birthday of the young prince (Petra photo).

Battalion marks prince's 4th birthday

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday participated in a ceremony organised by the Prince Rashid battalion to mark the fourth birthday of Prince Rashid.

Prince Hassan opened a mos-

que and a club for the use of non-commissioned officers in the battalion.

Prince Hassan also attended exercises held by a formation of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division which illustrated the high

standard of training in the formation. He then attended the annual sports festival of the division.

At the end of the festival, Prince Hassan handed over awards and cups to the winning teams.

Lawzi acts on vegetable market trade

AMMAN (Petra) — Agriculture Ministry Under-Secretary Salem Al Lawzi Tuesday inspected the central wholesale vegetable market in Amman.

He also chaired a meeting attended by the director of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the director of the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation, and the director of the market to review the trading operations which take place daily in the market.

The meeting decided to instruct the agricultural products marketing corporation to buy onions directly from the farmers at 55 fils per kilogramme direct from the farm. Dr. Lawzi called on farmers willing to sell their onions to contact the corporation starting Saturday.

Ghandour: Airport 'one of the best'

AMMAN (Petra) — Alia President and Chairman of the Board of Directors Ali Ghandour said Tuesday that the opening of the new Queen Alia International Airport will be a "significant achievement in terms of air transport services and will strengthen Jordan's economy and tourist industry."

Mr. Ghandour said the airport, which will be officially opened Wednesday on Independence and Army Day, will be "one of the best

airports in the Arab World and the Middle East, and has been fitted with the latest sophisticated technical equipment in order to provide the highest standard of service for travellers."

Jordan has become an important and vital centre for international companies, regional and international organisations and businessmen, and consequently travel to and from Jordan is booming by the week. Mr. Ghandour said.

Jerash Festival organisers send out twelve invitations

AMMAN (Petra) — The Higher National Committee for the Jerash Festival, chaired by Mrs. Laila Sharaf, deputising for Her Majesty Queen Noor, Monday evening held its second meeting of 1983.

The committee approved a report submitted by the festival director on the workings of the festival's specialist sub-committees, and the provisional programme for the festival to be held between August 12 and 20.

The committee approved the sending of invitations to 12 Arab and foreign theatre companies, folk-dance and music groups to partake in the festival, in addition to several book and paintings exhibitions and film shows which are to be staged.

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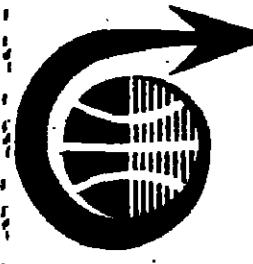
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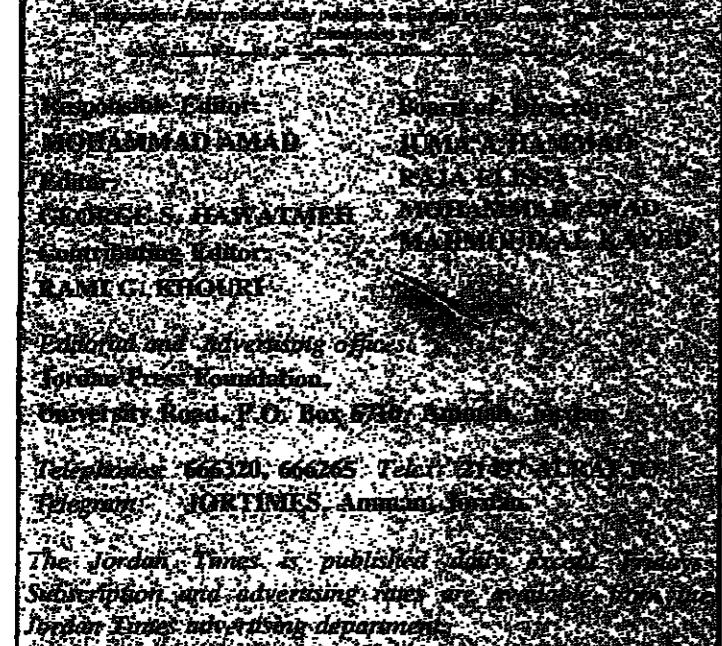
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The happy occasion

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But that is not all. The Queen Alia Airport should open for Jordan and Jordanians new horizons. The new experiences gained from building it, and from moving it to operations of the present airport, should add to a wealth of Jordanian know-how that does not exist in many other countries of the Middle East. As an entryway to Jordan, the new airport is also expected to increase the efficiency of air travel and cargo handling into and out of the country. Smoother operations, more space and punctuality are assured for all, we have reason to believe.

It may not be difficult to estimate the positive impact the opening of the new airport is going to have on tourism and trade. What is more important, however, is the fact that this advanced facility is a Jordanian accomplishment of which all citizens should be proud, and which the authorities — not only those in civil aviation — should maintain and run carefully and efficiently.

There will always be things to say on our accomplishments and establishments, and the way we look at and interact with them. For now, however, let us congratulate those who have contributed and worked so hard, Jordanians and international friends alike, to complete the project. National achievements like the Queen Alia International Airport, is what independence is all about. Let us all celebrate the happy occasion.

Unrest among forces adds to Arafat's woes

By Alan Philips
Reuter

BEIRUT — Palestinian chief Yasser Arafat is facing a challenge to his moderate leadership which Middle East analysts believe could further restrict his moves towards a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

So far, a revolt by five hardline officers in Arafat's own Fatah commando group has been peaceful, and the leaders have stressed they are not a breakaway faction.

The dissident leader, Col. Abu Musa, declared last week from his base in eastern Lebanon that he and his supporters were the "conscience" of Fatah, the backbone of the PLO.

Despite these assurances, some

sources close to the PLO in Lebanon and Syria see the dissident movement as one of the greatest challenges to Arafat's unfettered domination of the PLO in recent years.

But the sources say that even his critics on the left wing of the organisation, who oppose his peace efforts, see no future for the PLO without Arafat at its head.

The revolt began more than two weeks ago in protest at the appointment to senior Fatah posts of officers who were known as Arafat loyalists but deemed by the dissidents to have performed poorly during last year's Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The dissidents issued a range of tough political demands, accusing Arafat of planning to abandon armed struggle, and called for a Fatah congress to map out a new

path. Among their demands was a call for an explicit PLO commitment not to withdraw its forces from Syrian-controlled parts of Lebanon, as the Beirut government is asking.

Arafat had earlier given vague pledges to pull out his estimated 8,000 men from Lebanon if Israeli forces also leave.

But the PLO is now echoing Syrian denunciations of Israel's withdrawal agreement with Lebanon, indicating it does not plan to pull out.

Arafat has responded to the challenge by making almost daily visits to east and north Lebanon to drum up support against the rebels — his first visits since he evacuated Israeli besieged Beirut last August.

Fatah has responded to the dis-

sidents by agreeing to prepare for a congress of the movement. It also ordered military reforms which appear to lessen the importance of the controversial new appointments.

Arafat supporters in Damascus blame radical Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi and his supporters inside the PLO for fomenting the strife. Libyan state-run media have described the dissident movement as a revolution.

Col. Qaddafi, a bitter critic of Arafat's peace moves and his decision to evacuate Beirut last summer, issued a veiled call for Arafat's overthrow.

In a speech quoted by the Libyan News Agency JANA, he said: "If this movement succeeds it will remove the Palestinian resistance from the dangerous path pursued

by defeatist reactionary leaders in Beirut who committed the historic shame" (of leaving Beirut).

No other Arab leaders have spoken publicly of the rift, but the dissidents apparently have freedom of movement from Syria to the centre of the revolt in Lebanon.

Both the size and outcome of the revolt are still unclear. Arafat's supporters recall that he has been faced with dissent before and weathered the storm.

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has held the radicals in check. But with a radical faction emerging with Fatah, the PLO's centre of gravity is likely to shift with it, they say.

Arafat's peace moves were already stalled. Lengthy talks with Jordan on a joint approach to Middle East peace were broken off by Jordan last month after Arafat apparently failed to overcome opposition from PLO hardliners.

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Uneasy calm still prevails in Bekaa Valley

By Phil Davison
Reuter

SOFAR, Lebanon — Next week Avi Levi, 24, will be selling tins of beans from his grocery store in the Israeli port of Haifa.

He was peering along the barrel of a machine-gun at Syrian soldiers 300 metres (yards) from his front-line Israeli position in Lebanon's central mountains.

The Israeli army reservist stood on the top of a flattened pile of reddish earth, backed by armour-plating, and watched the shadowy outlines of two Syrian soldiers appear and disappear in the mountain mist.

His barricade was one of the key points in the Israeli army's Leb-

anese front-line, which meanders from this village on the Beirut-Damascus road, over rocky hills and south-east to the flat-bottomed Bekaa Valley.

From Sofar to the Israeli border about 80 kilometres farther south, the Israelis control the hills and valleys with at least 25,000 men remaining from the force which invaded Lebanon nearly one year ago.

The figure of 25,000 is an estimate made by United States officials familiar with Lebanon's military affairs. Lebanese officials themselves have spoken recently of 50,000 Israeli troops but most independent observers in Beirut believe this is an inflated figure.

The same U.S. officials say

there are between 40,000 and 50,000 Syrian soldiers, backed by 6,000 to 8,000 Palestinian troops, facing the Israelis in Lebanon.

To the Israeli soldiers at the front, and no doubt to their Syrian counterparts a few hundred metres away, troop withdrawal agreements or international diplomacy mean little.

Avi and his fellow reservist Ephraim, a 25-year-old who grows fruit and raises chickens near Margaliot when he is not at the front, were concerned only with watching Syrians and getting home in a few days time.

Leaving over their barricade, they would be easy targets if the Syrians decided to shoot. But they said there had been no exchanges of fire in the area despite reports

of light weapons clashes at other front-line positions.

The Israeli peered through field-glasses at the Syrian positions, in a grove behind a cluster of villas, one of which, in the middle of no man's land, flew a French tricolour flag.

"Apparently a French family used to live there. I doubt if there's anyone in it now," said Avi, firing a Belgian-made Mag machine gun with a belt of 230 golden bullets shining from its chamber.

The grove sloped up towards a hilltop where two heads, apparently belonging to Syrian soldiers, could be seen whenever sunshine split the mist.

Asked what he would do if the Syrians opened fire, Ephraim replied: "If they tried to kill me, I'd

try to kill them." After a moment's thought, he added: "Of course, it would depend on my orders."

His home in Israel is almost within a stone's throw, and certainly rocket range, of the Lebanese border and close to areas hit by Palestinian commandos, rockets or missiles. All of them in the front-line area have cannon or mounted machine-guns manned round the clock.

One tank crew, sitting on or around their tank a few hundred metres from the front, were reservists from a religious academy, who had chosen to come to the front, an officer said.

The crewmen wore the traditional Jewish yamulka (skullcap) but their combat helmets were not far away.

vitable.

Prince Sihanouk said his coalition supported diplomatic initiatives by Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila. But he doubted the minister's proposal for Vietnamese troops to withdraw 30 kilometres (19 miles) from the Thai border would produce a breakthrough.

The prince said he expected Hanoi to make an unacceptable counter-demand that all Kampuchea settlements on the Thai border be moved at least 30 kilometres inside Thai territory.

Prince Sihanouk puts on a brave face

By Vithoon Amorn
Reuter

TATUM, Kampuchea — Cornered by an 18,000-strong Vietnamese occupation force in a mere pocket of his country, Kampuchean coalition leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk puts on a brave face.

Five thousand guerrillas backing his anti-Vietnamese coalition are now based a mere 500 metres (yards) inside Northern Kampuchea from the Thai border, having been flushed by a Vietnamese

offensive last month from their previous camp at O'Smach 15 kilometres away.

The tripartite coalition which Sihanouk leads is still recognised at the United Nations as the legitimate government of Kampuchea, but four and a half years after Vietnam toppled the Khmer Rouge administration and installed its protege Heng Samrin, the international outcry has subsided.

The prince plans yet another offensive in the Monsoon season

which begins this month, when he says Vietnam's tanks will be bogged down by the mud, but he himself said on his first visit to the new base this week that Kampuchean did not believe they could defeat the Vietnamese in battle.

The prince is president of a 10-month-old coalition of his own force, the dominant Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge, toppled from power by Vietnam in late 1978, and the non-Communist Son Sann, the premier in the coalition's rival government.

Prince Sihanouk said at an emo-

tional welcoming ceremony at the camp that unity between the factions was indispensable in liberating Kampuchea and avoiding further misery.

But their command over the loyalties of their five million countrymen is hard to determine.

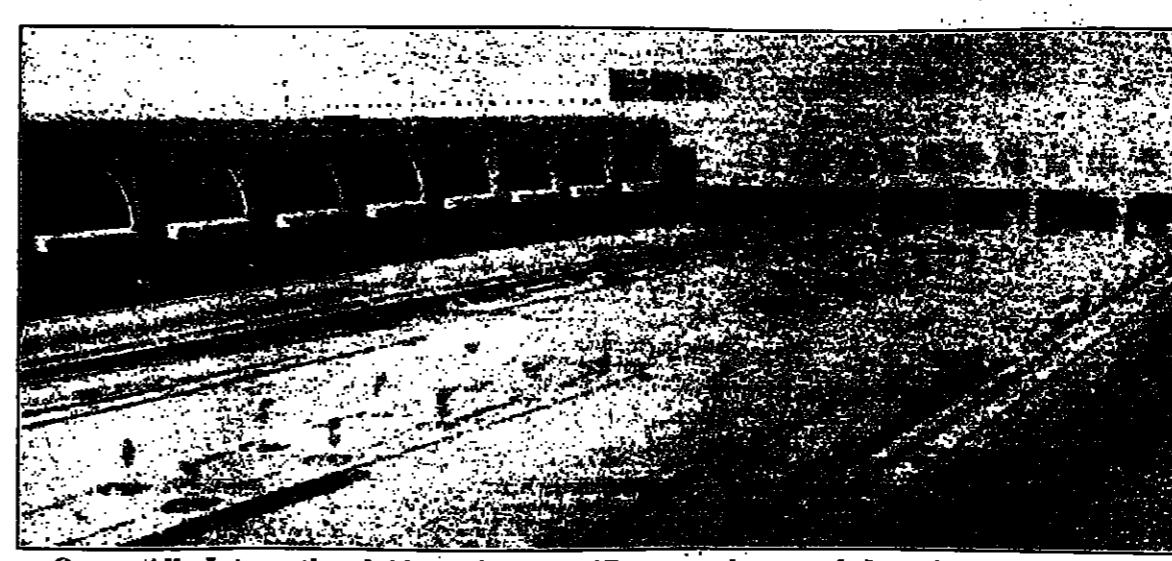
"The coalition is bringing together three leaders who don't like each other and have nothing in common except their desire to drive the Vietnamese out of their country," an Asian diplomat said when the coalition was formed last summer.

Though much of the world wants Vietnamese troops to withdraw from Kampuchea, it does not have fond memories of the shadowy figures of Pol Pot, leader of the Khmer Rouge administration which preceded them.

The name of Pol Pot evokes fearful memories in Phnom Penh of the slaughter of three million Kampuchean between 1975 and 1978. At a prison camp set up on the outskirts of the city when the Khmer Rouge took power, torture was systematic and death in-

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Niger leaps forward in applied solar energy research

By Abdoulaye Boureima
One metal shed, one bench, two clamps and a few other simple tools. Such was the rudimentary equipment of the Solar Energy Office of Niger (ONERSOL) in 1964-65. Today, the office has the resources to mass produce complex equipment — from solar water heaters to cylindrical mirrors.

ONERSOL made a significant leap forward in 1970 when it was equipped with a laboratory containing advanced technical equipment. It was the starting point for applied research on the conversion of solar energy into electrical energy.

There is equipment, for instance, to measure solar radiation. It will allow ONERSOL, under the direction of Professor Abdou Mouni, now rector of the University of Niamey, to plan and undertake experiments to perfect complex solar thermal installations.

One practical device is a solar stove that will be tried out among villagers in the Tera region. It is 1.5 metres in diameter and cooks between three and four kilograms of rice in an hour around noon. It is constructed essentially of a parabolic shell of moulded glass cloth, bonded with resin to a concrete form, and covered with reflecting aluminium.

The introduction of the stove in the towns and countryside of Niger remains nonetheless difficult because of the low purchasing power of households and the eating habits of the population. And although the device requires practically no upkeep, it uses many accessories, such as special utensils and thermos bottles.

ONERSOL also manufactures devices that produce distilled water either from drinking or brackish water. The Niger Chemical Products Company, the Malibza Cement Works, as well as certain foreign organisations (most notably the Postal and Telecommunications Office of Upper Volta) have been equipped with such a device. The most curious model being, without doubt, the "survival" distiller, highly recommended for travellers crossing the desert.

How does the device work?

A hole is dug in sufficiently damp soil and an empty container of simple construction is placed in it. The container is then covered with a transparent plastic sheet. After a few hours you have water. How much depends as much on the width and depth of the hole as on the humidity of the soil and the quality of the plastic.

ONERSOL also has solar batteries that transform light into elec-

tricity.

In 1968, in conjunction with the educational television network (no longer in existence), the office carried out several experiments. These were so successful in fact that photoelectric batteries, bought in France, have become a popular source of power for television sets.

Another project for use of these modules aims at supplying electricity to small and medium-sized telecommunications stations. The radio relay of Boukouda, about 60 kilometres from Niamey, runs thanks to solar energy (600 amps/hour). It services five telephone circuits and two tele circuits. Storage batteries, charged by solar energy allow the Boukouda radio relay to function for about 10 days when there is no sun.

Technicians have also managed to transform solar energy into mechanical energy, notably for water pumping. From 1968 to 1974, a solar-operated motor supplied drinking water for both the population and all the cattle at Bossey-Bangou, a Niamey suburb. The motor eventually wore out but the installation was later renovated. It now supplies 50 cubic metres of water a day.

But the greatest achievement is without doubt the solar heat pumping station at Karma, 25 kilo-

metres from Niamey. The station, with an output of 2500 to 3000 cubic metres of water daily, irrigates some 20 to 30 hectares of land. The surface of the solar collectors is 1000 square metres and generates 10 kilowatts.

With a plant in operation since 1975, funds from various sources

and more than 20 workers, ONE-

SOL has developed into a genuine industry. The production capacity of the plant is 400 water heaters per year and 1000 to 1200 square metres of flat collectors, which are intended for the pumping stations. The office should rapidly go beyond this producing 500 water heaters and 3000 square metres of collectors.

And what about commercial

successes?

They only began in

1976.

But many buildings (public

and private, maternity and other

hospitals, hotels and teaching est-

ablishments) are today equipped

with solar water heaters.

The manufacturing department

of ONERSOL

would like to ex-

tend its activities to the states in the

Sahelian and Soudano-sahelian

regions. The manufacture and in-

stallation in Niger of five to six

pumping stations, the last of which

should be installed this year, will

no doubt allow ONERSOL to rea-

lly take off.

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Niger: sunshine is a prime resource in a country lacking other sources of energy



Caribbean looks to sunshine, wind and water for energy

By Reudon Eversley
Reuter

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — The Caribbean islands, hit hard by a rising oil import bill over the past 10 years, have turned for energy to their own resources: Sunshine, wind, water and volcanoes.

Thousands of factories and households now use solar energy to heat water while a wave power turbine is about to be installed in Barbados and a wind power project to start in Antigua.

Volcanic Santa Lucia is looking to its hot water resources for alternative energy.

Tiny Dominica, which boasts a river for every day in the year, plans to harness them to supply power to isolated communities.

Experts at the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), which is leading the region's development of alternative energy, estimate that conservation practices and new sources of energy may cut the islands' oil bill by five to 15 per cent by the turn of the century.

Antigua's wind energy project, the first significant Caribbean project of this kind, will come into operation in two months' time and within a year it is expected to produce energy equivalent to between 1,200 and 1,500 barrels of oil.

The CDB itself is to install a wind turbine at its Barbados headquarters to help meet its energy needs and feed any surplus into the island's grid.

Barbados, which spends \$0.5 million a week on fuel, is to build

another 200-kilowatt wind turbine with a \$1.5 million grant from the Inter-American Development Bank.

Sunshine, the tourists' big attraction, is now widely used in water heating systems.

Barbadian solar technology pioneer James Husbands estimates that in the last decade 10 per cent of his island's 60,000 households have taken advantage of tax incentives and up to 50 per cent lower electricity bills to install solar hot water systems.

Husbands says his company also brought solar water heaters to seven other islands.

Agriculture is also benefiting from the new energy projects.

In Antigua, the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute has produced a sun-operated pump bringing water from ponds to irrigate fields on a state-owned farm.

"If the project can live up to its early promise, Santa Lucia will be able to offer industrial investors energy at concessionary rates making the island a prime area for industrial development," he said.

According to government officials, the geothermal source at La Soufrière could save the island more than \$10 million a year in oil imports.

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Siltation could mean failure of \$3 billion river development scheme in Sri Lanka

By John Madeley

their crop. "Local politicians won't stop them doing it for fear of losing votes," said one official.

When the programme was launched, "all the attention went to the dams. Replanting the hillsides was talked about only in seminars", said Sri Lankan lawyer Gamiini Iriyagolle, who has made a detailed study of the scheme.

Nearly all of the foreign aid which poured in also went to the dams. Britain, Sweden and West Germany all gave around \$155 million each to finance a dam each. Contributions from Canada, Japan and Kuwait brought the aid to over \$620 million, one of the largest aid budgets ever for a single development project.

Iriyagolle blames donors for rushing in with their money, distorting the programme from its outset. "Replanting should have had the very highest priority at the start, but simple didn't get it", he said.

The government knew that the hillsides needed replanting. A survey had shown that a well planned reforestation programme was necessary to prevent soil erosion, according to Ian Samarakkern, secretary of the Mahaweli Development Ministry.

But the upper reaches of the Mahaweli River banks are bare of trees; only about 8 per cent of the 526,000 hectares catchments area is forested. When the rains come — some 2,540 mm a year — the water washes topsoil into the river unchecked.

This soil may quickly silt up the reservoirs, foul the power stations and clog the irrigation canals and gates.

Soil conservation officials blame the tobacco industry for much of the felling. One tobacco firm with U.S. Agency for International Development backing. The programme aims to replant 30 per cent of the hillside area — over 162,000 hectares. However, by the end of 1982, less than 4,000 hectares had trees.

The British-aided Victoria dam is nearing completion. It will start trapping water in April 1984 and will eventually flood 45,000 people out of their homes. The British consultants of the project, Sir Alexander Gibb and partners, are confident that the dam's two sluice gates will allow the silt through. But silt going through the dam will be washed down into the fields, where it could clog irrigation gates and canals.

Some of the 1.5 million people — many of these landless and unemployed — which the government is bringing to the area have already arrived. Each family gets a hectare of land, usually scrub or jungle, which they must

clear to plant.

Ironically, Sri Lanka's poor are now having to foot much of the bill for the world's biggest aid scheme.

The cost of the programme was originally put at slightly over \$1 billion, with foreign aid accounting for over half of this. Since then, the cost estimate has leapt to \$3.1 billion, so aid will only cover one-fifth of the cost.

Thus Sri Lankan taxpayers are

being squeezed for money, and services and subsidies for the poor have been cut.

If the dams provide food and power in plenty for this country, their sacrifice may prove worthwhile. But lack of planning — and lack of trees — may end up in wasted aid and wasted government money.

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SPORTS

Juventus banks on Platini for inspiration...

By Iain Pears

Reuter

ROME — Juventus, the dominant force in Italian soccer for the past decade, will be looking to French genius Michel Platini to inspire them to their first European Cup victory against Hamburg of West Germany in Athens on May 25.

Platini has been devastating in recent matches, combining inspired inventiveness in midfield with deadly finishing to end the season as top scorer in the Italian first division with 18 goals.

Seven times Italian Champions since 1970, Juventus now have their second chance to add the European Cup to their collection of prizes. They were beaten 1-0 by Ajax Amsterdam in the 1973 final in Belgrade.

"Juve" started the season slowly as manager Giovanni Trappelli.

pattoni tried to weld his collection of highly-paid and individualistic performers into an effective team. They were often compared to an orchestra of brilliant musicians without a conductor.

Despite improving on this poor start, they have surrendered the League title to Roma and will be determined to make up for this disappointment in Athens.

Juve will field six of the Italian World Cup winning team, including star striker Paolo Rossi and combative midfielder Marco Tardelli.

Rossi, top scorer

Rossi has rarely been seen at his best this season but has produced some vintage performances in the European Cup and is top scorer in the competition with six

goals.

But Platini will probably be the man to watch. He has appeared unstoppable in recent League games and has made no secret of the fact a European Cup winners' medal is his burning ambition.

Juventus' other big-money import, Polish star Zbigniew Boniek, has been summoned to Warsaw to play for his national team in the European Championship against the Soviet Union three days before the match in Athens.

He demonstrated his value with an inspired performance during Juventus' 2-0 win in the semifinal against his old team Widzew Lodz of Poland last month.

If Platini, Boniek and Tardelli are all on song in midfield, then Hamburg could find the "Bianconeri" unstoppable. Contrastingly, an early setback could take the heart out of the tempestuous latins.

not be fit enough to play.

If the club missed the Italian Championship, then its huge investment in talent has paid off in the European Cup and the players powered their way past Hvidovre of Denmark, Belgium's Standard Liege, 1982 winners Aston Villa of England and Lodz. They have not lost a game in the competition.

Every player in the side will be a threat to Hamburg but it is in defence where Juventus appear particularly awesome although veteran international goalkeeper Dino Zoff has shown signs of falibility this year.

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Lendl made a slow start against little-known Rebollo and at 4-2 down, looked to be in danger of losing the first set. But he recovered his devastating baseline game to go through.

The clay-court specialists in the men's singles also had a comfortable passage into the second

round.

Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, seeded number three, defeated Pedro Rebollo of Chile 6-4, 6-1, 6-3 while fourth seed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, last year's beaten finalist, outclassed Romania's Florin Segurante 6-1, 7-5, 6-1.

But sixth-seeded Frenchman Yannick Noah had the easiest victory of all, breezing past Swedish Davis Cup player Anders Jarryd 6-1, 6-1.

Vilas was satisfied with his win

too, claiming it was his best performance of the year. He blamed

today than I have done for the last

two or three weeks."

He had no confidence today,"

Gerulaitis said afterwards. "The

balls seemed light and the wind

was giving me trouble. I've practised for four days, but it hasn't

got any better."

Seventh seed Jose-Luis Clerc

reached the next round by beating

Czech Libor Pimek 3-6, 7-6, 6-3,

6-1, but the Argentine was clearly

not at his best. After winning a

tie-break to take the second set,

however, he steadily improved to

win with ease.

...as Hamburg faces moment of truth

By Robert Woodward

Reuter

Hamburg maintain they have learned from that heart-breaking experience and are confident of avoiding a repeat performance.

Six survivors from the 1980 squad form the backbone of the present side which has emerged from a shaky spell to destroy a succession of opponents with a combination of Scalpel and Cudgel.

The Scalpel is wielded by diminutive midfielder Felix Magath, a 19-year-old whose undoubtedly skills were never shown to full devastating effect during his international career.

Magath seems to have recovered from a bad leg injury two weeks ago which threatened to sideline him for the rest of the season.

If in form, his incisive passes and tight dribbling skills may drive the rugged Juventus defence to distraction.

Hrubesch 'the monster'

Hamburg's Cudgel is wielded by Horst Hrubesch, nicknamed "the monster". The 32-year-old giant, who will play in Belgium for Standard Liege next season, has scored around 100 goals for the club and remains one of the best

headers of a ball in the game.

The Juventus defender entrusted with the task of marking Hrubesch will have a monumental battle on his hands particularly if long-serving full-back Manfred Kaltz finds room on the right to zero-in on the striker's deadly forhead.

Hamburg fans reckon Kaltz could pick out Hrubesch in an until underground car park but critics maintain his love of pushing forward often leaves his fellow defenders dangerously exposed to counter-attack.

The defence is built round the uncompromising Dietmar Jakobs whose fierce tackling contrasts with the more refined skills of sweeper Holger Hieronymus.

A regular in 1980, the 24-year-old has tightened up his game since he was harshly criticised earlier this season by his coach, Austrian Ernst Happel, who felt Hieronymus was playing too much "pretty" soccer and not doing his fair share of the defensive work.

Hartwig, with his experience and never-say-die attitude, is the one Hamburg player capable of single-handedly lifting the team's game and spirits.

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The quick-silver skills of Juve-

geren Milewski combine well with the more basic qualities of Hrubesch in attack. The effervescent 25-year-old's darting runs and ferocious shooting have brought him international recognition this season.

Midfielder Wolfgang Rolff has also seen his career take off this year, winning three caps in his first season with Hamburg after being signed from second division Fortuna Cologne.

Rolff is a "player's player"—skilful, full of running and possessing the knack of scoring vital goals. None was more important than the superbly glancing header in the away leg of the semifinal against Real Sociedad which effectively decided the tie.

The player who supplied that cross, Jimmy Hartwig, is the cause of the only doubts in the Hamburg camp. The midfield powerhouse is ineligible to play in the Athens final having received two yellow cards in this year's competition.

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The quick-silver skills of Juve-

Navratilova begins French title defence with stylish win

PARIS (R) — World number one Martina Navratilova opened her defence of the French Open Tennis Championship when she raced to an emphatic 6-1, 6-1 win over compatriot Mary Lou Platke.

Czechoslovak-born Navratilova has not lost on clay this year. And on this showing, it will take an inspired performance to wrest the title from her.

Navratilova said afterwards that

she felt very comfortable and confident. "I have already won this tournament so I have no mental block about it. I have set a new level of play for myself and I am trying to keep it up."

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losing the first set. But he recovered his devastating baseline game to go through.

The first match is always difficult," he said afterwards. "But I hope to improve. I served better today than I have done for the last two or three weeks."

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Gerulaitis crashes

American Vitus Gerulaitis became the first major seed to crash out of the French Open Tuesday when he lost 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 to

Swedish Davis Cup player Hans Simonsson.

Gerulaitis, seeded ninth, looked totally out of touch as Simonsson, ranked 79th on the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings, swept to the biggest upset of the tournament so far.

The American collected a warning from the umpire for time-wasting as he struggled to contain the lively Swede.

Gerulaitis tried several times to rush the net, but the 21-year-old right-hander passed him with ease.

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Shergar inquiry scaled down

DUBLIN (R) — Irish police said Tuesday they had scaled down their hunt for the champion racehorse Shergar, taken by armed men from its stud farm last February.

"The search has not been called off but it has gone dormant through lack of evidence," a police spokesman said. Detectives who had been working full time on the inquiry have been reassigned to other duties.

The possibility that a guerrilla group was responsible for the kidnapping and a ransom demand received shortly afterwards has not been ruled out, he added.

The spokesman dismissed French newspaper reports that Irish detectives had visited France secretly as part of their inquiries.

"We are supposed to have visited numerous countries on this inquiry, but we have not done so at all," he said.

United's manager escapes with a warning

LONDON (R) — Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson escaped with a warning about his future conduct when he admitted bringing the game into disrepute at an English Football Association (F.A.) disciplinary hearing here Tuesday.

The charge was brought after United's defeat by Arsenal in a League match earlier this month. Atkinson was sent from the pitch by referee Eric Read after protesting about the sending-off of midfield player Remi Moses.

He later accused Arsenal players of conducting a vendetta against Moses and trying to get him sent off.



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Sterling firms sharply

LONDON (R) — Sterling firmed sharply against major currencies Tuesday, reflecting growing confidence that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government will be re-elected next month.

The British currency opened at \$1.5697 in London, more than one cent up on Monday night's close of \$1.5565.

After dipping briefly on early profit-taking it settled just above \$1.57.

The British currency also advanced steadily to its highest rate this year in West Germany, 3.91 marks.

Dealers said sterling was boosted by public opinion polls showing apparent erosion in Conservative support in the run-up to the June 9 general election.

The dealers said there was widespread commercial demand for sterling from operators buying in the expectation of a further rise after the elections.

Some analysts have predicted a further sterling rise to \$1.75 if Mrs. Thatcher wins.

Japan lends China \$1b

PEKING (R) — Japan has lent China 231 billion yen (about \$1 billion) in soft loans under a five-year agreement signed in 1979, the New China News Agency said Monday.

It quoted a senior Chinese foreign trade ministry official as saying that China had already used up 100.2 billion yen (\$432 million) by the end of March this year.

The funds are being used partly to extend China's biggest coal port at Qinzhuangdiao as well as to build the first phase of a huge steel mill near Shanghai.

The first round of loans — expected to total about \$1.5 billion — will expire at the end of this year.

Clausen's visit heralds more loans for China

PEKING (R) — World Bank President Tom Clausen arrived in Peking Tuesday for a visit which could herald a boost in lending to China if only the bank can raise the money.

"We expect another substantial increase above the (1982/83) \$600 million level," Mr. Clausen, head of the bank's China division told Reuters in a telephone interview.

But in Tokyo Monday, Mr. Clausen said the bank needs a significant increase in its funds to accommodate any loan requests from Peking.

Since May 1980, when China joined the bank, it has received a total of \$870 million for eight projects covering energy, agriculture, transport and education.

During the present bank fiscal year up to June 30, it will have received about \$600 million, Mr. Koch-Weser said.

However, only \$300 million over the last three years has come from the bank's soft loan arm, the International Development Association (IDA). Mr. Koch-Weser noted.

China is expected to ask Mr. Clausen, who will be in China for about a week, for many more IDA funds, Western economists say.

The IDA lends almost interest-free over 50 years in contrast to

Japan to seek anti-inflation policy at Williamsburg summit

TO KYO (R) — Japanese Finance Minister Noboru Takeshita said Tuesday he hoped the Williamsburg summit this weekend would adopt a policy to promote sustained world economic growth without inflation.

"Now that there is a bright prospect for the world economy because of falling oil prices there should be a common catchphrase among the participating nations, that they will seek sustained economic growth without inflation," he told Reuters in an interview.

Mr. Takeshita, speaking before leaving for the United States with Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, said Japan's contribution would be to tell the other participants it would try to cut its borrowing.

In the financial year which started last month the Japanese government has budgeted borrowings of 13.345 billion yen (\$57 billion) to meet more than 25 per cent of its spending.

Mr. Takeshita said Japan wanted the summit, which starts on Saturday and brings together the United States, France, Britain, Japan, Italy, Canada and West Germany, to come to some agreement on the need to stabilise foreign exchange markets.

"Japan will call for the co-ordination of the countries' economic policies and for concerted intervention," he said.

The question of currency intervention was discussed by finance ministers and central bankers from the seven summit nations in Washington late last month and they agreed intervention could be useful to counter disorderly markets and short-term swings.

France has been particularly critical in recent weeks of the extent to which the United States has allowed the dollar to rise in value. Takeshita said the summit should also consider the international accumulated debt problem now facing the world's poorer nations and policies to prevent an "explosion" of protectionist trends in the world.

Mr. Takeshita said the participants, together responsible for 60 per cent of the world's economic activity, should also discuss the functioning of international agencies like the World Bank.

If these agencies could maintain close links with each other there would appear no need for any new organisations, he said.

East-West economic relations would be the most difficult issue at the summit, Mr. Takeshita said, although participants had already co-ordinated their views on this question and there should be no confrontation at Williamsburg.

In Bonn, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Monday the industrial powers at next week's Williamsburg summit should resist protectionism and agree to adopt sound domestic economic policies together.

"Solo tricks on the trapeze achieve nothing," he said in an interview.

He said his government would avoid the "past mistakes" of the previous socialist administration in deliberately expanding the West German economy in an attempt to boost weaker economies and drag the world out of recession.

This attempt had only deepened West Germany's recession, Mr. Kohl said, forcing his conservative administration to make painful cuts to hold down government borrowing.

"Real lasting growth, a brake on a gradual decline in unemployment ... can only be achieved by stimulating investment," he said.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you can expect delays so tackle duties of a career nature early in the day. Study a civic matter carefully before making any judgment on its faults. Be logical.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be sure you don't vent your ire on a higher-up or you could soon regret it. Don't quibble over a pressing bill.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Some new enterprises may seem to be profitable, but they will need further study before making definite plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have promised to keep your end of a bargain and now want to get out of it, but it's to your best interest to carry through.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) An old friend could be annoying now, but you could have brought this on yourself. Strive for increased harmony.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) It is wise to handle regular duties instead of seeking pleasure. Work diligently to gain your goals. Use care in motion.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good day to engage in creative work. Show others that you have much talent. Sidestep a well-known troublemaker.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your environment and make plans to make it more comfortable for you. Arrive on time for appointments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Much care in motion is advised to avoid possible accident. Express happiness with close ties in the evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You want to improve your financial position, so take time to study the situation before investing. Be wise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You may think you're not getting ahead as fast as you should, but doing anything rash at this time would be foolhardy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Contact those involved in mutual plans you have and put them in operation in a most intelligent fashion. Use common sense.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't rely so much on friends now and get busy on own duties. Make sure you don't lose your temper with anyone.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will want to solve difficult problems and will do remarkably well provided the right education is accorded your intelligent progeny. Teach to be more businesslike. Working with hands is important early in life.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

Jakarta needs more credit

JAKARTA (R) — The World Bank has suggested that Indonesia needs to borrow \$15 billion over the next three years to help cover a drop in overseas earnings.

The international recession and falling oil income had hit Indonesia, the bank said in a report circulated Tuesday to Western countries that provide aid to Jakarta, and it must borrow to help reduce a deficit in its current account while maintaining domestic employment.

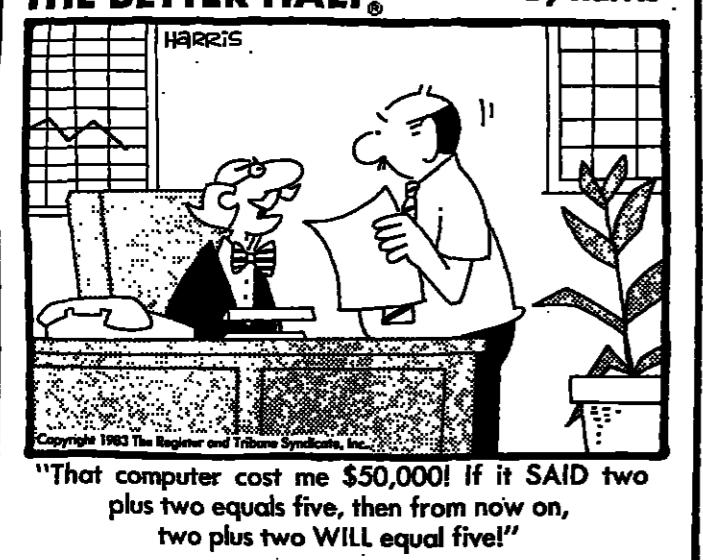
The bank said the deficit, now equivalent to eight per cent of the country's gross national product, could not be sustained and suggested the maximum rate should be two per cent.

The government has said it wants to limit to \$6.5 billion this year's deficit in the current account.

The World Bank said Indonesia would require about \$21 billion in foreign exchange over the next three years to finance the deficit and to repay foreign debts.

THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares closed firm but below opening highs prompted by the overnight rally on Wall Street, firm sterling and by a favourable poll for the ruling Conservatives, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 7.7 at 700.1.

P and O was up 3p at 217 after 221 in response to the widely expected offer from Trafalgar House. Other leaders rose between 2p and 10p but interest was mainly confined to special situations stocks and turnover was low.

Gold shares ended firmer, although below opening highs, while U.S. stocks were mixed to higher.

Trafalgar ended 4p lower at 163 following the offer for P and O, while Ocean Transport fell 4p to 120p. J. Sainsbury was up 2p at 400 after 411 following increased full year profits, while TESCO gained 7p at 129 in sympathy.

Ranks Hovis gained 2p at 67, while ICL was up 2p at 73, both after interim results. Bank and oil stocks retained early gains with Barclays, Natwest, B.P. and Shell all 10p higher.

Government bonds ended with gains of up to 1/2 point at the longer end, although index linked stocks were lower.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One sterling	1.5698/5701N	U.S. dollars	Canadian dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2347/51	West German marks	Dutch guilders
	2.4885/95	Swiss francs	Belgian francs
	2.7945/55	French francs	Italian lire
	2.0817/27	Japanese yen	Swedish crowns
	49.69/76	Norwegian crowns	Danish crowns
	7.4700/30	U.S. dollars	
	1.477.00/1.478.00		
	235.60/75		
	7.5100/20		
	7.1420/40		
	8.8800/20		
One ounce of gold	437.25/438.00		

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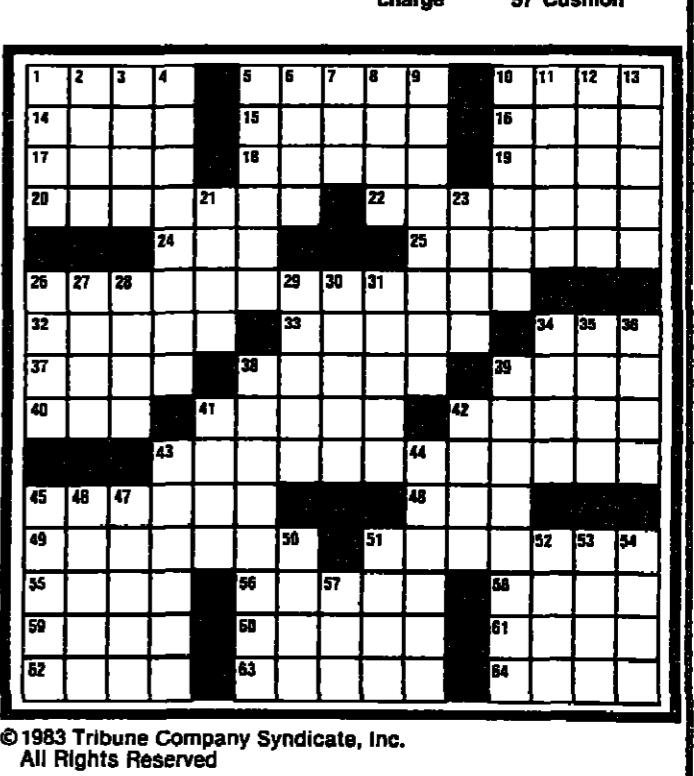
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THE Daily Crossword

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WORLD

Finnish Central Bank governor dismissed

HELSINKI (R) — Former Finnish prime minister and Central Bank governor Ahki Karjalainen, instrumental in building close links with Moscow, said Tuesday he was dismissed by people who think relations with the Soviet Union are too cordial.

Mr. Karjalainen, 60, was sacked from the governorship two weeks ago, officially for the public good. He has repeatedly denied in the media that he is suffering from a drink problem.

He was quoted in an interview with the hardline communist newspaper *Tiedonantaja* Tuesday as saying those who ousted him had lied about his condition to President Mauno Koivisto, who relieved him of his posts.

Ex-Vietnamese premier recounts years in prison

SINGAPORE (R) — A former South Vietnamese prime minister, now a refugee here awaiting resettlement, said Tuesday he had to abandon his wife and baby as he fled his homeland in a flimsy wooden craft under cover of darkness.

Nguyen van Loc, prime minister in 1967-68, told Reuters that he made the escape on May 10 after hiding with his family for nearly 18 months south of Ho Chi Minh city, formerly Saigon.

It was his 14th attempt at flight but his wife and 11-month-old child could not join him as planned because fishermen, demanding money to keep their departure a secret, stopped them from

taking a rowing boat to the refugee craft.

Loc, 62, said his wife had saved the money for the trip while he was at a labour camp near Hanoi. He had been there for four years before being returned to Ho Chi Minh.

"I nearly died in the labour camp where I was kept with about 1,500 others on a near starvation diet... they allowed me to return to Saigon in 1980 only after they felt that I was dying," he said.

Loc said two or three people died of malnutrition or disease every week at the labour camp. "Nam Ha 25-a," the inmates, mostly former

South Vietnamese military and security personnel, politicians and high-ranking government officials, were ordered to clear a jungle swamp, farm the area and build a dam, he said.

They were also made to cut boulders and carry them two kilometres to pull the ploughs at a jungle clearing hardly suitable for cultivation," Loc said.

Loc said Nam Ha, described by Vietnamese officials as a "re-education camp," was still in operation. The organisation, also known as the Orly group, has hit a number of Turkish targets in France.

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Two Turkish diplomats have been killed and one seriously injured by the guerrillas since 1982.

Armenians bomb Turkish travel office

LONDON (R) — Armenians guerrillas claimed responsibility for a bomb attack on a Turkish travel office in Brussels Tuesday and warned of further operations.

In a telephone call in Paris, an Armenian spokesman said the attack was carried out by a group named after Pierre Gulinian, an Armenian nationalist killed while making a bomb in a Paris suburb in July 1982.

"We will continue our action," he added.

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In Bournemouth on the south coast, Jerry Stocks is running as the loony monster green chicken alliance candidate.

Rock singer Screaming Lord Sutch, veteran leader of the official monster raving loony party, is fighting Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in her north London seat of Finchley.

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Nobodies, loonies enter British election campaign

anonymous nobody party. Such benefits from fighting elections as they generate publicity for his rock concerts.

In other cases, the craze for poking fun at democracy, at the cost of a £150 (\$230) electoral deposit, was apparently inspired by a television comedy sketch by the Monty Python team in the late 1960s.

In the past, fringe candidates may have been no less eccentric but they have at least usually been taken seriously by themselves.

One such candidate this time, Tommy Layton, is fighting hove, south England, on a platform of saving the earth by slowing down its rate of orbit around the sun and ending unemployment by excising the word from the dictionary. He specifically denies he is a crackpot.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

International drug ring smashed

COLUMBIA. South Carolina (R)

— Twelve people have been arrested, two of them in Australia, and charged with smuggling more than \$700 million worth of marijuana into the United States, U.S. officials said. U.S. attorney (prosecutor) Henry McMaster said warrants were out for 30 other people and that more than \$6 million worth of property — including planes, cars and boats as well as large amounts of cash — had been seized.

Polish carpenter crucifies customer

WARSAW (R) — A Polish village carpenter murdered a 76-year-old customer then nailed his body to a cross and stood in a field, the newspaper Express Wieczorny reported. The paper said the carpenter, who had spent two periods in a mental hospital, had an argument with the old man after he came to pick up some window frames in the village of Stara Słupia in southern Poland.

Local people said the carpenter killed the customer with an iron bar and a knife, then nailed the body to a tall wooden cross and stood it in a corner of his field overnight. "I saw him put it up but I thought it was a dummy and not a real man," one resident said.

5 Soviet youths jailed for rape

MOSCOW (R) — Five Soviet youths have been jailed for terms of between nine and 10 years for the gang rape of an 18-year-old girl who later committed suicide.

The newspaper Izvestia reported. The five boys, all in their teens, had attacked the girl after a dance at the village of Ogdudnevo near Moscow. Two of the girl's friends

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parties apparatus.

5 more

bombs go off in Corsica

AJACCIO, Corsica (R) — Five bombs exploded in Corsica Monday night after separatists had claimed responsibility for a wave of bomb attacks earlier in the day, police said.

Early Monday the banned Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), which is seeking the island's independence from France, said it had planted more than 50 bombs in what was seen as a warning to the authorities three weeks before a visit by President François Mitterrand.

Fourty-three of them exploded. 11 were defused and a man was badly injured when a bomb he was suspected of planting blew up in his face, police said.

Monday night's blasts in the northern town of Bastia damaged buildings.

Book by Andropov's chief rival published

MOSCOW (R) — Pravda said Tuesday a new book by politburo member Konstantin Chernenko had been published, apparently signalling that the number two in the Kremlin hierarchy is still politically active.

The article on the theoretical work "maintaining a Leninist style in party work" was the first mention of Chernenko by the Soviet media since he appeared at a conference in March.

In the meantime, there has been widespread speculation that the 71-year-old former challenger for the party leadership had been forced out of Kremlin politics by his rival, Yuri Andropov.

Chernenko, who appeared in public as the effective number two in the party hierarchy following Andropov's takeover in November, was absent from important

politburo line-ups on Lenin's birthday in April and on May Day.

Chernenko's office, which reported he had been ill, said he returned to work last week. Western diplomats have remained doubtful about his present status.

They said it could have been put in as a sign of support for Chernenko by senior party members in advance of June Central committee plenum at which Andropov is expected to announce some personnel changes.

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BRISBANE (R) — Constant rain in the Australian state of Queensland, until last month in the grip of the worst drought this century, has produced the worst floods for 20 years. Helicopters ferried food and medical supplies to towns cut off in the southern and central districts, Roma, Quilpie, St. George and Dimbando. Northern New South Wales was also being swamped by floodwaters from swollen rivers. Weather forecasters said the rains would continue for the next few days.

Floods devastate Australian state

Q.—In your books you say that a reverse bid is not forcing. However, most of my partners argue that it should be forcing for one round. I am not averse to this, but I would like to know exactly how responder should treat his hand after partner has reversed. We have considerable disagreement about this and last night we ended in a partscore when a small slam was an odds-on contract.—R. Wallace, Columbia, S.C.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—I must confess that the wording in those books was a trifle careless. A reverse bid is not forcing to game; however, it is certainly forcing to at least three of opener's first suit.

Mathematically, that is only logical. For his reverse, opener has a hand worth at least 18 points. Responder has shown a minimum of 6 with his first bid, so even if both players are at the bottom of their bids, they are in the game zone. Therefore, the partnership should be safe at the three-level in opener's announced long suit.

After a reverse by opener, responder has certain priorities. If he is dead minimum for his initial response, he must tell opener that he has no game aspirations. There are two methods of doing so. Some play that a return to opener's first-bid suit is the signoff; others use a bid of two no trump as denoting a minimum response. I slightly prefer the latter, but I think that the majority of players use the

Argentina battles floods

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Emergency teams battled desperately through the night to shore up leaking dikes and prevent floods from engulfing two northern Argentine cities.

Taking advantage of a break in the heavy rains which have fallen steadily for six weeks, bulldozers strengthened earthen flood barriers thrown up hastily to protect the cities of Resistencia and Formosa.

Asuncion, capital of neighbouring Paraguay, has also been hard-hit by the floods and so have parts of Uruguay and Brazil.

"If it rains and the machines get bogged down, I shall call on all the men and women of Resistencia to take shovels and spades and sandbags to reinforce the defences," the governor of Chaco Province, Jose Ruiz Palacios, said.

"We will defend this city until the last minute," he added.

Reports from Resistencia said

U.S. aircraft make spy flights over C. America

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. aircraft with night-vision devices have made spy flights over Central America to detect gun-running to El Salvador's leftist guerrillas.

Reagan administration officials said they were seriously considering evacuating all its 115,000 inhabitants, half of whom have already been driven from their homes.

The floods, which have swamped five provinces of northeastern Argentina since December, have reached a peak with the constant rains, pushing rivers to record levels.

More than 150,000 people have been made homeless in the region. roads and railways have been cut and the local economy has virtually ground to a halt. President Reynaldo Bignone has called it a national catastrophe.

Asked if they had been fired on, the spokesman replied: "I have nothing on that."

But the Pentagon spokesman said the C-130's mission was "passive" and that all flights complied with international law.

Seoul charges 6 hijackers

SEOUL (R) — South Korea Tuesday formally charged the six hijackers of a Chinese airliner under its strict anti-hijack law providing for a maximum penalty of death, state prosecutors said.

A trial date has not been set, but prosecution sources said it was expected to be next month.

The prosecutors said the six Chinese had acted under a pre-meditated plan "out of discontent with political and social affairs" in China.

The hijackers commandeered the British-built Trident to South Korea on May 5 after flying over communist North Korea with 99 other passengers and crew on board.

French nuclear deterrent could start global conflict, private U.S. study says

WASHINGTON (R) — France is moving to build a "nuclear trigger" that could force the United States and its NATO allies into an atomic war with the Soviet Union, a private military affairs publication says.

An article by Anthony Corrigan in Armed Forces Journal said a five-year military spending programme approved on April 20 "confirms France's slow shift toward reliance on nuclear trigger forces as its main element of defense."

While downgrading non-nuclear warfare, it said, the new plan would give France "a mix of strategic and tactical nuclear forces designed to deter the Warsaw Pact by its ability to unilaterally trigger a theatre or worldwide nuclear conflict."

It would also allow France to

inflict so much damage on Soviet and Warsaw Pact targets that the USSR will be forced to strike all of Europe if France strikes against tactical targets, and against the U.S. if France strikes against Soviet population centres," the article said.

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